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CONVICTS ARE DESPERATE

MAKE DEADLY ONSLAUGHT ON WARDEN AND ASSISTANT.

LATTER KILLED WITH A KNIFE

Throat Cut From Ear to Ear—Montana State Penitentiary Scene of Trouble—Warden May Die—Convicts Shot.

Deer Lodge, Mont., March 8.—Warden Frank Conley of the Montana state penitentiary was dangerously wounded this morning and Assistant Warden John Robinson killed, when three life convicts, George Rock, W. H. Hayes and another whose name is not given, made a dash for liberty.

Robinson's throat was cut from ear to ear and the jugular vein was severed. Conley's throat was gashed and he was stabbed several times in the shoulder and groin before he was able to draw his revolver and shoot two of his assailants down.

Convicts Hayes and Rock were both shot down by Conley after the latter had been wounded. It is believed that the warden will recover. The attack on the prison authorities and the attempted escape, according to prison authorities, had been long planned by Rock and Hayes, who were cellmates. Both were armed with penknives, the blades of which were sharpened like razors.

Three convicts were brought to the office of the penitentiary in the court yard this morning at 8 o'clock by Deputy Warden Robinson to be tried for some trivial infraction of the prison rules, and Conley was waiting to sit in judgment.

The moment the men entered the office door, Rock turned swiftly upon Robinson, who was closing the door behind the men, and quickly drawing out a knife began gashing at the deputy warden's throat. Before Robinson was able to move his throat was cut open and he sank to the floor dying.

At the same moment that Rock attacked Robinson, Hayes drew a knife and started for Conley. The latter retreated to the rear of the

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WILL PROBE FINAL CITIZENSHIP ROLLS

Congress to Turn on the Searchlight Irrespective of What May Show Up in the Matter

CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION FOR CROOKEDNESS

The Charges Against Two of the Executive Departments of the Government as Contained in the Congressional Record Has Aroused the Lethargic Temperament of Congress, and a Searching Investigation Has Already Begun.

Washington, March 9.—Special.—If there is any crookedness in the preparation of the final citizenship rolls of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, congress wants to know it no matter what the light may reveal. The charges against two of the executive departments of the government as contained in the congressional record, has aroused the president's congress out of its lethargic state and the belief is current that a congressional investigation is inevitable.

Two resolutions have already been introduced in the senate on the subject and promise to be a forerunner to more decisive action by that body. They are directed at the department of interior which will be asked for information concerning the charge that the secretary of the interior has had in his possession information and evidence to show that the Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court which passed on the citizenship status of the people of those two nations were bribed and that no action was taken with a view of punishing the guilty people. The department of justice will be called upon to answer the charges that extraordinary courtesy was extended to a well-known firm of Oklahoma lawyers that had been indicted for taking monies from the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribal fund on deposit at the sub-treasury at St. Louis and to which they were not entitled. It is claimed that under instruction of attorney general Bonaparte the defendants were not only not brought to trial but the indict-

ments were ordered dismissed. The indictments in question were dismissed in November, a few days before Oklahoma was admitted to the union, not, however, until W. B. Johnson had been removed as United States attorney for the eastern district. Johnson had always contended that the indictments should stand and that the men should be brought to trial. The department of justice, however, did not see things that way and Johnson was summarily removed from the office because he refused to carry out the department's instructions and dismiss the indictments.

The controversy affects 20,000 people more or less who claim to have been deprived out of their rights from participation in the tribal property of the two nations on account of mixed blood. On the other hand it is said that thousands of names are on the rolls who have no right there. This condition of affairs was called to the attention of congress and resulted in the creation of the Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship court and the employment of Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish to run down all fraudulent claims. These lawyers at once began to institute proceedings against the 1,000 or more people whose rights it was seen fit to contest, with the result that only a little over 100 remained on the rolls. The Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship court in which these cases were determined was in existence 18 months and before giving up its judicial ghost awarded to Mansfield, McMurray and Cornish 9 per cent of the value of each claim they succeeded in proving as fraudulent, as a fee. This fee amounted to upwards of \$1,426,500, and Secretary Hitchcock then in charge of the interior department portfolio, refused to approve the same on the grounds that it was exorbitant and entirely out of proportion to the services rendered. It was the largest fee ever awarded in the country in the history of Indian litigation. He suggested a settlement on a 3 per cent basis, which was not satisfactory to the attorneys, and finally consented to have the court fix a more equitable amount. The court then said that \$750,000 was about right and that this amount should be paid. Hitchcock again demurred, but the money was paid although the fee was never approved by the secretary.

The members who constituted this citizenship court were Spencer B. Adams of North Carolina, chief judge, Walter L. Weaver of Ohio, and Henry S. Foote of California, deceased.

Charges were made by Indians and half breeds whose rights to distribution were undisputed that the attorneys were going to unnecessary lengths to have many of the claims declared fraudulent and were "drawing the blood line so close as to preclude the participation of persons who claimed a clear right under the law as Choctaws and Chickasaws, the law being broad enough to admit even negroes with the Indian blood of these tribes in their veins as beneficiaries."

Inasmuch as the action of the Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship court was considered final there seemed to be no hope of relief in sight for those Indians who were unfortunate to fall by the wayside during the

brief career of the court in question. Frequent attempts were made in Washington to have congress pass legislation which would give these people a chance in what these attorneys referred to as a constitutional court, inasmuch as they had already won out in the federal court on one occasion it was considered to be no more than right that they be given an appeal from the court that had just defeated what they contended to be their rights. Over \$1,000,000 of property is involved. Under the law these Indians were transferred from the Indian Territory two years ago with a view of investigating conditions in the five civilized tribes. The testimony adduced during these hearings plays an important part in the corruption charges now pending in the United States senate. To quote the

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REWARD FOR KINCHELOE

SPEAKER MURRAY OFFERS REWARD FOR CLERK.

REWARD FOR RETURNS ALSO

Speaker Murray Believes That Kinche-loe Fled into Kansas Saturday, When Learning That He Was Coming With Warrant.

Guthrie, Okla., March 9.—Speaker Murray today offered a reward of \$50 for the arrest of H. L. Kinche-loe, clerk of Alfalfa county, who fled presumably into Kansas when Speaker Murray sought him with a warrant last Saturday, following Kinche-loe's refusal to turn over the election returns from that county.

A similar reward good for thirty days, was offered for the returns, part of which are missing.

GRAIN IN FARMERS' HANDS.

Government Report on Holdings by Farmers of the Country.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—The quantity of wheat in farmers' hands on March 1, was 23.5 per cent of last year's crop equivalent to 148,721,000 bushels. The amount of corn is estimated at 37.1 per cent, equivalent to 962,429,999 bushels, and oats estimated at 35.5 per cent which is equivalent to 267,478,999 bushels.

SERIOUS SUNDAY FIRE.

Goodland, Kan., Mar. 9.—Fire here Sunday destroyed four business buildings and their contents in the main business block of the city. The origin of the fire is unknown.

TRIAL OF THE ASSASSIN

GIUSEPPE ALIO'S TRIAL BEGUN AT DENVER TODAY.

DEFENSE TO BE INSANITY

Prosecution Has Already Summoned Eight Skilled Scientists to Combat Insanity Evidence of the Defense.

Denver, Colo., March 9.—In anticipation of a large crowd at the opening of the trial of Giuseppe Alio today, the sheriff had stationed deputies along the walks and in the entrances leading from the court room and in the court room every precaution had been taken.

Alio's case was the first one on the docket. Judge Greeley M. Whitford was on the bench. His defense will be insanity, and so as to be prepared for combatting this, the prosecution has summoned eight of the most skillful specialists to be present for the purpose of observing the defendant and thus be in readiness to give expert opinion as to his sanity.

The defense will have three alien-

There was no demonstration when the prisoner was brought into court. Alio, who understands practically no English, sat meekly, at times looking at the floor, at other times lifting his eyes blinking in the direction of the jury box. He seemed to take no interest whatever in the proceedings.

ICE AT OKLAHOMA CITY.

Thermometer Dropped to Twenty-Eight Last Night.

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 9.—There was ice here last night. The thermometer dropped to 28 this morning.

Fruit, which was in bloom, is believed to be badly damaged and the crop may be lost.

THREE FIREMEN INJURED.

Fire in Chicago Today May Result Fatally to Three Men.

Chicago, Ill., March 9.—A score of firemen were injured, three of them probably fatally in a fire at Apollo Hall early today.

The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

AMERICAN THROUGH WYOMING.

Now Making Rapid Time on Long Trip to Paris.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 9.—After receiving all necessary repairs, the American car in the New York-Paris race left this city at 11 o'clock today.

FLEET HEARD FROM

WIRELESS MESSAGE FROM THE GEORGIA SAYS FLEET IS IN PERFECT CONDITION.

On board the Georgia, 8 p. m., via Wireless Telegraph.—The fleet's position at this hour is latitude 14.37 north longitude 102.01 west.

The weather is fine and the ships are moving at a speed of 19 1/2 knots. The fleet will probably reach Magdalena Bay, March 17, two days ahead of the schedule.

The cruise has been successful in every way and the ships are in perfect condition.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pennington and daughter, Miss Mary, arrived home last night from an extended visit over the South covering the past three months.

Nearing Crisis.

Guthrie, Okla., March 9.—(Special).—Physicians this afternoon say that the next 24 hours will determine the fate of Lieutenant Governor Bellamy. At 2 o'clock he was resting easy.

New Galatea Cloth

We now have a beautiful line of the real 'Hyde grade' GALATEA CLOTH. This is the best wearing and prettiest after being laundered of anything on the market. It is very popular for Children's Spring Suits, Ladies' Wash Suits, Skirts, etc. We have this goods in plain colors, stripes and figures. It is a real 25c goods but our price is just 20c.

MORE TAILORED SUITS

Today's express brought us some pretty new things in suits. Our suit business is better than ever before. We have what the ladies want. There was a time when the ladies were forced to buy of "peddlers" and patronize "mail order" houses in order to get what they wanted, but the advent of a REAL LADIES' STORE has overcome this. "Ditzler has what you want" and at the price you want to pay.

A look through our Dress goods will both surprise and please. Our White Goods, Laces and Embroideries must be seen to be appreciated.

The Ditzler Dry Goods Co.
ALL LADIES' STORE

TEXANS LYNCH NEGRO

MOB TAKES HIM FROM NAVASOTA JAIL AND HANG HIM TO TELEPHONE POLE.

Navasota, Texas, March 8.—John Campbell, a negro, charged with slaying County Commissioner J. T. Barry with a knife, was taken from the city calaboose by a crowd of men about 9 o'clock Saturday night and hanged to a telephone pole. Several shots were fired into the body of the negro while he was swinging.

This morning the body was cut down, and there is no excitement. Following the cutting Saturday, when much feeling was shown, the saloons were requested to close and they complied with the request.

Mr. Barry is reported to be resting as well as could be expected.

We do repair work on short notice. Holcomb & Phillips, Electricians, Phone 811. 16-1m

MURRAY WILL RETURN HOME

SAYS CHEROKEE MATTER WILL NOT BE DROPPED—WILL ADOPT OTHER METHODS.

Guthrie, Okla., March 8.—Speaker William H. Murray and the house committee on privileges and elections returned today from Cherokee, where the speaker held court yesterday involving the election contest of Murley against Allen. Twenty witnesses were examined but they failed to reveal the whereabouts of the ballots cast for county and district offices in the recent election.

Among the witnesses examined were the sheriff and county judge who issued the injunction against the legislative committee. The county clerk, custodian of the election records, did not appear. The town turned out to see the legislature hold court.

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A Saving of \$75.00 to \$1.25.00 on Every Instrument.

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Smith & Barnes large size beautiful oak case, latest design, for \$279. The regular price of this piano is \$369. This piano represents a saving to the purchaser of \$90. Another piano that appeals especially to people who know and appreciate musical instruments is a Bush & Gerts make in mahogany with hand carved panel. You know the old reliable Bush & Gerts. Everybody who knows pianos knows them. This one is slightly used but is not injured a particle. Your most frequent visitor could not detect that it had ever been out of the store.

A beautiful scarf and stool go with each piano. We will allow out of town buyers railroad fare both ways for a distance of 60 miles as well as hotel expenses. Mail or telegraph order will receive prompt attention and selection is left with us we guarantee to please.

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Ardmore, Ok

Photo Bargains!

20,000 elegant new style photograph cards and 5,000 post cards purchased for holiday business arrived while my gallery was closed on account of fire and for the next TEN DAYS I will make big discounts on pictures.

\$ 1.50 Photos for, per dozen.....	\$1.00
2.00 Photos for, per dozen.....	\$1.50
3.00 Photos for, per dozen.....	\$2.50
4.00 Photos for, per dozen.....	\$3.50
5.00 Photos for, per dozen.....	\$4.00
6.00 Photos for, per dozen.....	\$5.00
8.00 Photos for, per dozen.....	\$6.00
10.00 Photos for, per dozen.....	\$8.00
12.00 Photos for, per dozen.....	\$10.00
15.00 Photos for, per dozen.....	\$12.00
20.00 Photos for, per dozen.....	\$15.00

In the six years I have been in business in Ardmore, this is the first discount sale I have ever made: Stamp pictures, the kind we make and the kind that pleases, 24 for 25c, four positions

RAN WEBB, Photographer

Randal Building, Ardmore, Okla.